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1. [redacted] information on the Polish 1958
Planning and Research Bureau, the bureau in charge of developing projects for the establishment of new industrial plants and the expansion of existing ones through the introduction of new production methods. The report gives a description of the bureau's working procedure and lists some of the projects in which it was engaged during the 1955-1957 period. The bureau was under the Ministry of Machine Industry, now the Ministry of Heavy Industry.
2. A sketch of the Stalowa Wola Metal Works for which the bureau drew up certain plans is included in the report. (A)

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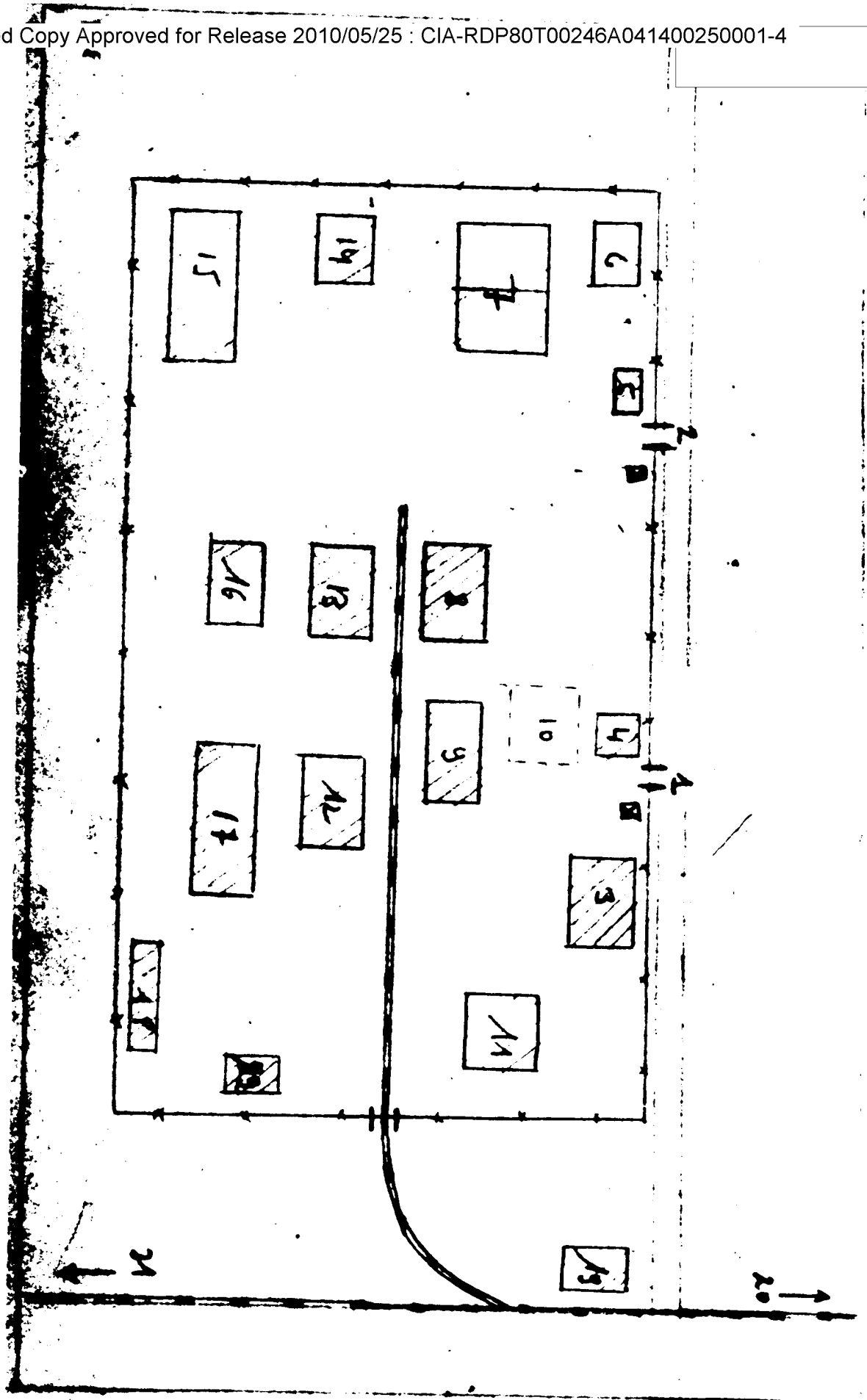
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1. The Planning and Research Bureau (Biuro Projektow I Studiow) of the Ministry of Machine Industry¹ is in charge of developing projects for the establishment of new industrial plants and the expansion of existing enterprises, through the introduction of new production methods. The Bureau serves all central directorates under the Ministry of Machine Industry. Located in a three-story building at No. 1 Barbara Street in Warsaw, the Bureau maintains branches in a number of other localities, one of which is in Radom. The Bureau, which had employed several hundred engineers, technicians and clerks, reduced its staff in early 1957; the total number of employees was not known.

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2. The Bureau is composed of the following technical branches: general economic, building, mechanical, electrical, energy, stores' administration, cost accountancy, assembly, transportation, technological (production), and examination of projects. In addition there are the management section and various administrative and economic departments and sections.

3. The following is a description of the Bureau's working procedure:

a. The general economic branch and the branch for the examination of projects, in accordance with the government's economic policy, investigate the possibility of establishing a new industry, for example, or developing an existing enterprise. General suggestions, rather than detailed proposals, are then submitted to the Economic Council of the Council of Ministers (PKPG), through the Ministry of Machine Industry.

b. After the PKPG has approved these suggestions, the Bureau begins to work out the project (Projekt Wstepny). Each of the various technical branches undertakes a specific aspect of the project (such as the supply of raw materials, skilled labor required, costs, marketing possibilities, and export), and submits a report on its findings to the general economic branch. The latter then presents a summary of these

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reports to the PKPG, through the Ministry of Machine Industry, for approval.

c. After the project has been approved, it is returned to the Planning and Research Bureau for the final stage of detailed planning in which the individual branches again work on their respective subjects. The finished project is brought before the Technical Council of the PKPG and, if approved, is turned over to the appropriate bodies for execution. Occasionally the Bureau is also called upon to supervise the stages of execution.

4. Some of the projects in which the Planning and Research Bureau was engaged during 1955 - 1957 are described below.

a. At the Stalowa Wola Metal Works the Bureau's principal task was to improve storage facilities in order to increase the plant's production and efficiency. This project entailed working out plans for the storage administration and the development of an internal transport system. In addition, the Bureau was charged with planning the expansion of the plant's equipment. In accomplishing these aims, extensions were built, or new buildings added, to the foundry, the mechanical processing shop and the thermal processing shop. Special stores

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were built at existing shops. The Mostostal Works installed 12 mobile cranes (Suwnice) with lifting capacities of from 5 to 25 tons. Stationary cranes were installed near railroad sidings which cross the plant area. These sidings were extended in many places, and the electrical system overhauled. The plant's equipment was increased to approximately 500 lathes, presses, and milling, grinding and drilling machines. Most of the equipment is new, although some are repaired and refitted machines.

b. Plans for the extension of the Lublin Truck Factory (Fabryka Samochodow Ciezarowych) were worked out during 1956-1957. The aim of this project was to make the plant self-sufficient in the production of all necessary parts and to increase its overall output. It was reported that, despite expansion, the plant was not operating at full capacity, and attempts were being made to obtain additional orders for trucks.

c. The Bureau's plans for the expansion of the Mechanical Products Factory (Fabryka Wyrobow Mechanicznych) in Krasnik, which produces bearings, provided for the following:

- (1) A large store for special steels.
- (2) Expansion of the machine shop. Six Bezklowe type lathes, six Bezklowe type grinding machines, two steel rod cutting machines and two pipe cutting machines were added. In accordance with the

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plans, this equipment was to be imported from the USSR.

(3) An additional store for the machine shop.

d. For the Ursus Tractor Factory near Warsaw, the Bureau planned new storage facilities needed when the plant retooled for the production of "Bialorus" tractors. (It is reported, however, that the manufacture of "Bialorus" tractors would soon be discontinued in favor of the "Fordson" type.)

5. Attached is a sketch, with legend, of the Stalowa Wola Metal Works.

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Legend - Stalowa Wola Metal Works

1. Entry gate to Stalowa Wola.
2. Entry gate to Stalowa Wola.
3. Management building.
4. Permit office.
5. Guard room.
6. Dispensary.
7. Foundry (two buildings)
8. Rolling mill.
9. ?
10. Covered parking lot for bicycles.
11. Assembly shop.
12. Mechanical processing section.
13. Forge.
14. Stores.
15. Pattern makers' shop.
16. Thermal processing section.
17. Mechanical processing section.

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18. Stores.
19. Stalowa Wola railroad station.
20. Railroad line in the direction of Warsaw.
21. Railroad line in the direction of Rzeszow.
22. Stores.

~~***~~ Wall, 2.5 meters high (partly wire fence)

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